

## Oct 14 Committee calls for McGill shutdown

By Lewis Gotthell

Plans to coordinate McGill University anti-wage control protest activity were established at a meeting yesterday of the campus-wide October 14 protest committee.

The McGill Oct. 14 Committee, spearheaded by the McGill Circle of the Canadian Communist League, aims to shut McGill University down on Oct. 14, and has appealed to McGill professors and students to join the nation-wide opposition to controls by refusing to lead or attend classes Oct. 14.

The 15 members of the McGill Oct. 14 Committee concluded their preparations for the Day of Protest by delegating to

individuals present, the various responsibilities of publication of committee leaflets and documents, and the task of speaking to classes and student groups around campus about the labour walkout.

In addition, Alessandro Lucarino, a representative from the McGill Service Workers Union (local 298) affiliated to the Quebec Federation of Labour, Pierre Paquette of the McGill Teaching Assistants Association (MTAA) and a student from the Association Generale des Etudiants de l'Université du Québec à Montréal (AGEUQAM), addressed the meeting to inform the committee of the policies of their respective groups.

Lucarino stated that at a disappointingly small meeting of 100 members of local 298 of

the McGill Service Employees' union last Sunday, the workers voted 66-26 to go on strike Oct. 14. The rank and file reached this decision after overcoming what appeared to be the executive's sentiment to stall a final strike vote, he added.

Lucarino also indicated that the general membership recommended the setting-up of a special group of service employees including the executive of the union to prepare hand-outs and documents informing the rest of the organized membership of the vote taken, and encourage all employees to join the walkout.

In addition, the union decided that it will send a number of its own representatives to the various major entrances to the McGill campus in the early morning of Oct. 14 to meet the

morning shift of service workers and McGill students to persuade them not to cross their pickets lines and to refuse to enter campus.

The McGill Student Oct. 14 Committee agreed to support this early-morning effort by bolstering the picket lines at major points of entry to the campus.

Pierre Paquette of the MTAA informed the Student Committee that the MTAA would determine its policy on the national labor walkout today. He said that the chances were fairly good that a resolution supporting the protest and encouraging an MTAA walkout would be passed. He also noted that the teaching assistants in the History Department have already taken such a position.

A student from AGEUQAM

reported that at a meeting held earlier yesterday afternoon, more than 300 UQAM students overwhelmingly voted to participate actively in the Oct. 14 protest in recognition of the mutual interests of students and workers to defeat a wage control program that denies working people a fair share of the national income.

UQAM students, service workers and professors have decided to join the walkout and participate in the major trade union demonstration to be held Oct. 14 at 11.30 am beginning at Viger Square. The demonstration is being organized by the three major labor centrals in Quebec: the Confederation of National Trade Unions (CSN), Quebec Federation of Labour (FTQ), and the Quebec Teachers Corporation (CEQ).

## Postal strike spreads

By Paul Saunders

The wave of wildcat postal strikes sweeping across Canada may hit Montreal.

Inside postal workers at Vancouver and Ottawa have already staged wildcats. The Vancouver strike was called off (under threat of legal action) after 24 hours. Yesterday, inside workers at St. Johns, Newfoundland and London, Ontario walked out.

When asked about the chances for a wildcat strike by postal workers in Montreal, Marcel Perrault, president of the 4,500-member Montreal local of the CUPW (Canadian Union of Postal Workers), would only say, "It's a possibility". He points out, however, that the Montreal local was one of the first groups of postal workers to vote the national union leadership its support in the current dispute. Walkout orders are handed down to the locals by the National Executive Board of the CUPW.

The dispute between the CUPW and the Post office centers on Article 29 of the collective bargaining agreement signed last December after a 43-day strike. The article deals with technological changes, and says, in part, that "the Employer agrees to eliminate all injustices to or adverse effects on employees" resulting from technological changes. Article 29 also requires the Employer to give the union 90-day (later changed to 120-day) notice before implementing any tech-



The Honourable Herb Gray, M.P. for Windsor West, Ontario and former Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, spoke last night at McGill to a small audience. His topic was "Petrodollar Trade and Investment: Threat to Canadian Civil Rights?" Gray's assessment was that the Canadian government should take immediate action on the Arab boycott, taking into account Canada's stands on domestic and foreign policies. "Cabinet action on the Arab boycott is imminent. The government must ensure that the boycott doesn't harm Canada's policies with Israel and Canadian civil rights", Gray said.

nological changes.

The CUPW holds that 120-day notice was not given before technological changes were instituted at St. John's and London.

A three-member adjudication committee, provided for within Article 29 to arbitrate disputes arising over modernization, is currently meeting under the chairmanship of McGill professor Saul Frankel. The CUPW claims that the Post Office is violating the collective agreement by instituting technological changes without proper consultation and without regard for the effects of such changes on postal workers. The union signed a legally binding agreement, counters the Post Office, so it shouldn't be on strike.

According to Perrault, the

dispute is more than just a question about a clause in a contract: "The future of the union is at stake. In addition, the credibility of the Postal Ministry, the Treasury Council and the Government is in question. They're acting in bad faith."

A major obstacle to workable relations between the CUPW and the Postal Ministry, claims Perrault, is "the intransigent, arrogant, retrograde attitude" of Deputy Postmaster John Mackay.

The wildcat strikes are being undertaken in the face of several court injunctions. Joe Davidson, president of the CUPW, goes before a Federal court in Ottawa today to fight an order against strike activities by the CUPW.

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## Council strangles Waterloo paper

**WATERLOO [CUP]** — The University of Waterloo student federation officially closed *The Chevron*, Waterloo's student newspaper, at a Sept 30 meeting attended by about 200 students.

Reversing its decision made only four days earlier to keep *The Chevron* open, the council voted 19 to 2 to suspend publication for four weeks.

In a move apparently aimed at killing the regularly scheduled *Chevron*, which was being typeset at the time of the meeting, the council rescinded all publication dates after Sept. 24.

At press time, however, it was announced that Canadian University Press (CUP), of which *The Chevron* is a member, will fund that paper for two more issues. This will be accompanied by a national campaign to raise support for the *Chevron* staff from among CUP member papers.

The council also set up a task force to investigate *The Chevron* and eliminated three full-time positions.

The task force will be made up of representatives from each of the six student societies, one each from Integrated studies, Renison College and St. Jerome's college, two *Chevron* staff members appointed by the former editor, and one professional journalist.

### Daily Staff Meeting

All staffers should come to the Daily office at 5 pm today. Among other exciting items on our agenda are perennial classics such as "the sexist advertising" editorial and a few novelties like the logistics of French articles in the paper.

A motion to fire production manager Neil Docherty and news editor Henry Hess and to accept the resignation of editor Adrian Rodway went through several revisions before finally emerging as a motion to eliminate the positions of editor-in-chief, news editor and production manager and to give employees two weeks notice with severance pay.

It was later split into three parts with federation president Shane Roberts calling for Docherty's firing on the grounds that his association with a campus political group, the Anti-Imperialist Alliance (AIA), harmed his "discriminatory faculties".

Roberts charged that Docherty's writing went "beyond the bounds".

To substantiate his charge, Roberts produced excerpts from a taped confrontation between a fired faculty member and Waterloo's Vice-President (Academic). Docherty wrote an inaccurate report of the confrontation, Roberts claimed, because his story did not include all that was said.

Roberts also claimed Docherty failed to report an alleged assault during a political economy conference at Waterloo in March of 1975. Responding to a request for evidence, Roberts admitted, "I haven't any evidence on that. I can't produce a witness on that just now."

Rob Morrison, engineering society president and proxy voter at the meeting, said the debate had degenerated into a "personal conflict" and he would not support the firings

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# today

**Political Science Association:** Last day for nominations to the P.S.A. Executive. Five undergraduate positions still up for grabs. Forms available in Pol Sci Office, 4th floor Leacock.

**E.S.A. Journal Committee:** A meeting of all students interested in aiding the production of a journal with an economics content will be held in the "drop-in centre" of the Redpath Library from 12:30-2:00 this afternoon.

**McGill Armenian Club:** First general meeting at 5 pm in Union, Rm 108 (Coffee Lounge). All interested students are urged to attend. For more info call Nayiri at 648-8294 or Raffy at 270-3633.

**McGill Teaching Assistants Association:** General meeting of all TAs at 4:30 pm at the drop-in centre Redpath Library. Agenda: organization, October 14 gener-

al strike, graduate students illegally hired as part-time lecturers, class sizes, seniority, etc. Important that all TAs attend.

**McGill Investment Club:** Does the word portfolio analysis seem to spark interest? If so, you're interested in the McGill Investment Club. Our next meeting is today room 326 management building 1:00 pm.

**Other Things in the Cinema:** To warm you up for tonight, Arthur Knight will also be giving a casual talk at 3 pm in FDAA Auditorium about whatever topics come up. Free admission. (Compliments of the ASUS.)

**McGill synchronized swimming:** All swimmers, please note that there will be a general meeting at 7 pm at Weston Pool after practice. Important matters will be discussed and full attendance would be appreciated. All newcomers welcome.

**McGill Hellenic Association:** All the Greek students of McGill University are kindly requested to be present at the first General

Meeting of our Association at 3480 McTavish Street (University Centre), Room 307, at 6 p.m.

## Women's Union:

There will be a general meeting in the Women's Union at 7:30 this evening. We need help on the week-end of the conference and will be discussing Women's Union activities. Rm 457, 458 in the Student Centre. See you there.

## Blood Drive '76:

Meeting of executive committee at 4:00 p.m. in the Blood Drive office, Union B-47. All regular staff welcome. Telephone 392-8907.

## Flag Football Schedule:

Tonight's Games 5:00: Physical Education A vs B (P.E.), Management vs P & OT; 5:30: P.T. vs Arts & Science; P.E. B vs P & OT.

## East Asian Studies Association:

Important general meeting will take place today at The Centre reading room, 4:00 p.m. 3434 McTavish to elect a new executive committee. All members, (actual and potential) are urged to come and participate! **Hillel Film Series on 20th Century Jewish Life:** "THE APPRENTICESHIP OF DUDDY KRAVITZ" Date: Today, at 7:30 p.m. Place: McGill University Leacock 26. Admission: \$1.50. For further info: 845-9171.

**Caribbean Students' Society:** Discussion on Jamaica at 7:30 pm in the Union rm. B-40. Refreshments and music to follow. All are invited.

## Old McGill:

Will have a staff meeting for the faithful few and new members at 8:30 pm in the Union (University Center) room B-44.

## McGill Players — Players' Theatre:

Anouilh's "Episode in the Life of an Author"; a zany and hilarious comedy running today and tomorrow. Don't miss it — lunchtime at 1 pm. Free admission in Players' theatre, 3rd floor Union.

## Weekly science flicks:

The McGill Biology Students' Union presents a series of weekly films every Thursday at 12 noon and 1 pm in Stewart S1-3 starting today with "An Interview with Linus Pauling".

## Anti-inflation debate:

A panel discussion on Labor's October 14 Day of Protest against the Anti-Inflation Board at 1 pm today in the Moot Court of the Law Building. Speakers are Liberal MP Harold Herbert, labor mediator Stanley Hartt, and labor economist Prof. Sid Ingerman. All welcome. Sponsored by the Debating Society of the Law Faculty.

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# Cyclists no longer middle-of-the-roads



By Ellen McKeough

At 5:30 pm Tuesday, October 12, members of Citizens on Cycles (COC) will stage a die-in at the corner of St. Catherine and University Streets opposite Eaton's. COC members plan to lie down with their bicycles in the busy intersection during the peak traffic flow in order to dramatize and draw attention to their goal, a world in which the bicycle and a free public transport system is the only permissible form of transport.

Bob Silverman, a founding member of COC, believes that free public transport "should be a right. Free public transport is not a far-out idea; Seattle, Washington has it."

The COC's major objectives

are to procure ample theft-proof bicycle parking, bicycle paths, and special sections on trains and metros for cyclists and their bikes. The COC also advocates public bicycles that would ensure everyone the use of a bicycle as well as showers at all places of business. The showers would allow cyclists to pedal to their office or factory and then clean up before work.

COC maintains that there is a great need for bike parking in all parts of the city. The group is incensed by the investment of 75 million dollars in the Olympic parking lot, when there is little safe bicycle parking downtown. A few institutions, such as the Sir George Campus of

Concordia University, the Jewish General Hospital, and CEGEP Maisonneuve maintain such lots. However, most offices, factories, and learning institutions do not. COC published an article in the September 11 issue of the Weekly Ferret, a community newspaper, in which McGill was soundly criticised for this lack of bicycle parking space.

"McGill, the oldest and wealthiest University in Quebec, has no safe bicycle parking. But it has a garage and on-campus parking facilities for automobiles. It has millions of dollars for fancy scientific equipment. It has a football

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## letters

### The long goodbye

#### To the Daily:

Union frequenters were deeply disturbed this past Friday by the sudden departure of Students Society office staffer, Paul Phillon. Having been with the S.S. for the last eight months, he had become as much of a common sight as the broken garage door. To some he became a stud figure, for reasons still unknown, and to other students fortunate enough to tolerate his juvenile nature and humor, he was well known as a source of obscure and meaningless information. The lengthy verbiages on such mundane subjects as how to find the bathroom and where to pick up women often left confused students with a feeling of gentle serenity and true inner peace. This was

despite the fact that the information often proved to be erroneous.

Paul came to work for the S.S. with experience from a variety of strange jobs, presumably as it appeared because it was time for a new one. His particular classification was that of Accounts Payable clerk, but this title was a bit misleading. Among other things he was known to fix Xerox machines, usually after he had broken them. He sold tickets to events, in between giving them away to specially chosen female friends. He also took rather long lunches, claiming inefficiency of his watch as being the prime cause, not to mention slow tavern waiters like Martin.

Mrs. Sadie Hempey, acting comptroller of the S.S., commented on Paul's accounting ability, "When Paul started here he didn't know the first thing about accounting. He took charge of the Accounts Payable and was able to devise a system on his own, I didn't even have to coach him or anything. Now that he's gone I'm going to have to hire three accountants

to explain his system to me, and I've been here 20 years."

Mike Augenstein, Incumbent editor of Old McGill, was on the verge of tears when told of the news, "He's the only one left in the Union who still talks to me, I don't know if I can manage without him," he stated.

Paul's plans are not too specific at the moment, while he does have a new job, he doesn't remember exactly what it is. There is no question that he will be missed, but it is questionable whether or not it will be by more than two people. In his own words he says, "I know I will be missed, and that it will be hard to replace me, but I think it's all for the better. A man has to move, to be alive, to reach out for the gusto in life. I felt I wanted more, but unfortunately she wasn't feeling too well. But be that as it may, I leave here with many fond memories. Well, not that many actually, I mean three or four at least and some I'm ashamed to think about. Then again, who cares anyway?"

Paul Phillon

## PAPT teachers to stay out

By Jeanette Lakhan

Striking Protestant high school teachers rallied yesterday at Place des Arts in a show of support for their union's demand of equal pay for equal work.

The teachers, members of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers (PAPT), will apparently receive support from their Catholic counterparts, whose contracts have already been resolved. According to Yvon Charbonneau, president of the Centrale des Enseignants du Québec (CEQ), Catholic teachers will not sign the contracts until the PAPT's has been settled.

Catholic teachers have already been granted maximum class sizes, workloads and teaching time. Under the agreement, grades one to three would have a maximum size of 29 pupils; four to six, 31; and secondary levels, 34 (later 33). By contrast, Protestant teachers can face 40 or more pupils, depending on the school size.

Bonar Lindsay, head of the school board grouping with which the PAPT must deal, explained that he felt agreeing to teacher demands would mean a cut in the quality of Protestant instruction, which he feels is at present superior to that of the Catholic system.

The teachers, however, are receiving widespread support for their moves. At the meeting, representatives of both parents' associations and high school student councils voiced their sympathy with the equal pay for equal work demand. The teachers voted overwhelmingly to stay on strike.

The school board group, the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, also came under heavy fire during the meeting. One Chateauguay Valley woman explained that the QAPSB was essentially "undemocratic" because of the disproportionate electoral system, which grants equal voting rights to areas of disparate teacher populations.

### Canadian Tire:

## Union advocates boycott

By Marie Poirier

The Quebec Federation of Labour (FTQ) is launching a boycott of Canadian Tire stores. The union is protesting the company's refusal to negotiate a first contract with its newly unionized employees in Sherbrooke. The boycott started in the Sherbrooke area and is rapidly spreading throughout Quebec.

The employees of the Sherbrooke branch of Canadian Tire started a unionization campaign in 1975. The union has accused the company of trying to break the workers' spirit through firings, favoritism and intimidation.

In February 1976, the union

was legally accredited with Local 504 of the Union of Commerce Employees, FTQ. The company, however, refused to recognize the union and negotiate a contract; instead they fired one of the two union negotiators. In July, a conciliator from the Ministry of Labour tried to reconcile the two parties, but they haven't yet reached an agreement.

To protest the company's anti-union attitude, the union has asked the public to boycott Canadian Tire stores. Other unions and community groups have already backed the campaign.

Last September 9, the FTQ started the Quebec-wide boy-

cott. According to Fernand Daoust, general secretary of the FTQ, "The goal of the boycott campaign against Canadian Tire is to oblige the company to recognize the fundamental right of its employees to unionize and negotiate their working conditions."

Thousands of tracts and stickers have been printed to publicize the boycott. There will also be picket lines in front of some branches of Canadian Tire.

In conclusion, Fernand Daoust said, "Only the solidarity of all the workers and the public can overcome this ferocious anti-union attitude."

### Economics Students' Association [ESA] Election Results

**President - Todd Idson**  
**Vice-President - David Robinson**  
**Treasurer - Morris Altman**  
**Secretary - Stewart Landon**  
**U2 Representative - Sari Hornstein**  
**U3 Representative - Eve Reisbaum**  
**Representative at Large - Dora Benbaruk**



The closing of the University of Waterloo's student newspaper by the student council was a stupid, sick, and dangerous move. The student council closed down The Chevron ostensibly because of several editors' alleged association with a campus political group which was "destroying their ability to do accurate and unbiased reporting."

What it boiled down to was that this political group, the "Anti-Imperialist Alliance", had ties with the Communist Party of Canada (M-L) and therefore constituted such a potent threat to Waterloo. As a result, closing down the entire newspaper was the only way to deal with the "commies" and save the campus.

Does a student council have the right to close down a campus newspaper because its politicians don't agree with the political views of the paper's staff? Firstly, the so-called commie editors were part of The Chevron's collective staff system, and not all powerful decision makers are anxious to hold a kangaroo court lynching those who opposed them. In fact, a kangaroo court was held, but instead of the editors, it was the students' council that wanted to do the lynching.



## EDITORIAL

Secondly, a student newspaper is almost inevitably going to seem "further to the left" of its student council, especially because council controls the purse strings and the newspaper staff controls only the horrible knowledge of how council—and other campus groups—operate. For this reason, student councils are always suspicious of "radicals taking over" the student newspaper. Also, since the mid-60s, the Daily has faced shutdowns by student councils regardless of whether the staff seemed moderate or radical.

However, the main issue

ostensibly behind the death of the paper, that the editorial board was in the hands of the CPC (M-L), became a secondary issue when the Students' Council closed the paper. With this action, the question of the freedom of the press came to the fore, and the struggle between the Students' Council and editorial freedom was accentuated.

In sum, the political and personal positions of students' councils and student newspapers constantly change, but the adversary position between the two remains the same. The adversary relationship is good if it keeps council on its toes and provides the university community with a flow of information. But when student politicians freak out and close the paper because they don't like some of the people running it, it not only destroys the credibility of the council, but deprives the students of their only source of news on campus.

We therefore condemn the Waterloo Students' Council for interfering with the freedom of the press and for usurping its students' right to be informed.

The McGill Daily

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## Censorship of Chevron just stupid

The news that inmates at Laval's penal institute slept on the ground last week after setting fires in their cellblocks has elicited callous response from some of the local media. One unreconstructed Calvinist on the staff of the Montreal Star applauded the fact that the prisoners shivered outside until daybreak, suggesting that "if you and I burn down our homes, we are not only out in the cold; The Law is apt to get rather rough with us."

Using an analogy between maximum security cells and private homes to argue that Laval inmates "got what they deserved" last week is as fatuous a commentary as one may find on the pages of a supposedly reputable newspaper. Yet in a perverse and ironic way, such an argument helps focus attention on the profound meaning and issues embedded in the unrest at Laval.

The homeowners on Summit Circle in Westmount are not likely to put a torch to their ten-room homes, which they have carefully chosen, meticulously decorated to well-refined taste, and within which they reside with all the dignity conferred by a society which sanctifies private property. Clearly their situation is different from that of prisoners in maximum security cells.

Overcrowded quarters and a century-old facility frustrate all but the most heroic attempts at preserving one's sanity and dignity at Laval. A medieval punitive philosophy (*mort civil*—loss of all rights when convicted)—still informs correctional attitudes in Quebec. When combined with a poverty of innovation and resources,

even the mention of rehabilitation becomes an insipid joke. And no one inside the system will ask the ultimately important question: whether society is a sufficiently worthy enterprise at this point to justify "rehabilitating" people back into its mainstream.

Of course, conservatives espousing the capitalist ethic will insist that the inmates at Laval have chosen their lot, having freely determined their lives when they opted for crime rather than gainful employment.

This exercise in mythology is laughable in a world of monopoly capital, circumscribed economic opportunity, and institutionalized hyper-unemployment—where "pulling oneself up by one's bootstraps" is an anachronism.

Is it mere coincidence that the prison population in Quebec and across Canada climbs with the unemployment rate? Perhaps some liberal cabinet minister will suggest building more prisons, attacking both sides of the equation at once. (Four more are somewhere in the planning stage, it was hinted recently in the press.)

People who talk about the danger of "coddling" prisoners never question their society's claim to the moral legitimacy that is implicit in the existence of prisons. Seldom do they acknowledge the connections between the economic organization of society and the existence of a pool of disadvantaged, "marginalized" people among whom desperation is common.

When such observers express their inability to comprehend why prisoners might burn their own home, they also demonstrate their ignorance of history. They misread Laval as they would have misread black riots in American cities in the 1960s. Blacks burnt down their neighbourhoods in Washington, Watts, and other urban centres out of rage that could not find its proper outlet. Their real enemies—absentee landlords, speculative financial institutions, dual labour markets, or the systematic forces which underline such structures were out of reach, protected as is so often the case by the institutions of state and the

perquisites of economic power. History teaches that the violence which oppression spawns strikes at what is accessible: one's neighbourhood or, as we saw last week, one's cellblock.

Meanwhile, even the prison reforms that basic humanity demands are not happening. Recently, former Solicitor General Warren Allmand recommended that the British Columbia Penitentiary, another scene of rioting last week, be closed due to inhuman living conditions. But the senseless, finally dangerous, process of depriving human beings of basic dignity continued until hostages were taken and lives hung in the balance.

This inertia is not surprising. The society succeeds in making marginal enough people in the lower classes that some are bound to transgress the established order. These, of course, must be chastised. The same society is unwilling to commit the resources necessary to adequately cope with the small percentage of prisoners who are truly pathological for whom more equitable economic treatment cannot remedy the ills acquired over a lifetime or over generations.

More and "better" prisons, kind torture chambers, will never address the underlying causes of crime. Burning cell blocks make us suspect this, commentaries like the one from the Montreal Star confirm our suspicions. As long as some members of society are secure and self-righteous in their private homes while others remain oppressed, prisons will continue to burn. That is the message from Laval.

Justin Loughry

## The crime of prisons

## COMMENT

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Asked about the possibility of a nation-wide strike by the 23,000-member CUPW, Perrault replied, "I can't tell you our strategy at this time. You have to understand that we are dealing with an employer possessing superior financial and legal resources, and we must act accordingly."







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## Chevron...

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without further investigation.

Roberts then withdrew his motion. It was replaced with a series of motions and amendments for suspension without pay, pending legal investigation and persecution, and freezing of federation funds to The Chevron.

It ended with Roberts moving to dissolve all editorial positions and to give notice to Chevron employees.

Although the positions are created by by-law and require a two-thirds vote to be rescinded, speaker Bob White ruled that the 11 to 8 simple majority was sufficient because the motion was to "dissolve" and not "rescind". It was agreed that legal guidance may be necessary because the actual working of the motion was to "eliminate".

At a meeting following the council's decision, the Chevron staff voted unanimously to continue publishing. The next edition, called The Free Chevron, is expected Oct. 8.

Engineering students, who made up about half the audience, were particularly vocal at the meeting. Each fourth year engineering division presented a petition opposing The Chevron.

Not only were doors to the meeting guarded by engineers, but one student was designated sergeant-at-arms and apparently guarded the speaker.

## Cycles...

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field, a gymnasium complex on Pine Avenue and an ice hockey rink. McGill says it advocates physical fitness. Well, then give your thousands of student cyclists and thousands more potential cyclists safe bicycle parking. There are many guards circulating at McGill to provide bicycle surveillance; or a student could be hired to do it. Could not their reputed and sophisticated engineering faculty invent a theft-proof bicycle rack?"

Commenting on the problem of bicycle parking at McGill, Principal Bell said that "We have never been aware of any large demand, but we would consider it if we had a good proposal for doing it."

Dean Farnell of the Engineering Department says that no one "has presented this (bike parking) as a problem." He further added that the engineering faculty was "not in the business of inventing."

Besides bicycle parking, COC is campaigning for more and better bicycle routes in the city. At present, there are a few bike paths in the city, but their quality and usefulness is limited.

On September 18 last, an experimental bicycle path was opened along the dike of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The route is opened to cyclists during the four weekends until October 10; COC, while pleased about the opening of the path, is not ready to praise the government too highly for it. A COC bulletin states that "We should not exaggerate the government's

terms these paths a "farce". A green line was painted on 14 miles of Mercier streets, denoting the bike route. However, cars are permitted to drive and park in this route.

"They call it a bike route, but it really isn't one," Silverman concluded. He went on to term the bike routes in Southshore Longueuil as "the best we have". Eleven miles of bike paths have been created on secondary roads by painting a white line on these roads. Cars are not allowed in the Longueuil bike routes, and they are functional and recreational, serving both working and pleasure cyclists.

According to Silverman, there are plans to designate bike paths in NDG, but they will be of the Mercier type.

The key fight for bicycle paths in Montreal is taking place in Westmount. The battle centres around de Maisonneuve Street. In 1974, concerned parents began to press the issue of closing streets to cars in order to protect their children and to cut down noise and pollution in Westmount. Sections of various streets were closed to cars, including de Maisonneuve Blvd. between Lansdowne and Melville.

Prior to 1976, according to a COC bulletin, Westmount had a recreational bicycle path which was opened every Sunday morning. This year, the path was closed due to "waning public interest". Outraged, the parents planned action against this measure.

The Architectural and Planning Committee of the City of Westmount designed a bicycle path running along the south side of de Maisonneuve, through Westmount Park and

of the tennis courts.

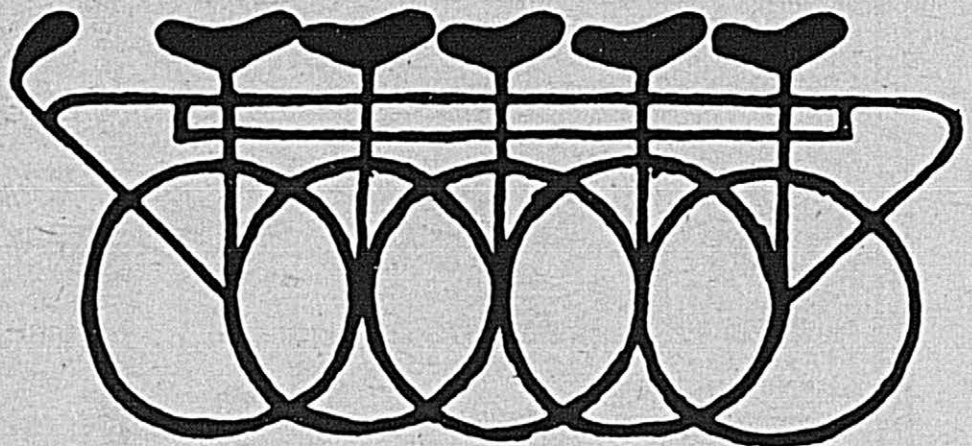
COC's cyclo-political aims are not limited to Montreal, however. This past June, Silverman attended the Habitat Conference in Vancouver, and recommended the COC's anti-auto, pro-cycle view of society to the public as one that would benefit all human settlements. Speaking to the Vancouver Sun, Silverman said that "Prime Minister Trudeau told us that we are at this conference to seek solutions to the problems of human habitats. Well, I've got one, one so simple, so inexpensive, so universally positive that it's strange it has been so long overlooked. The bicycle."

"Generalized bicycle transport along with adequate public transport would revive our cities which have been laid to waste by automobiles." Bicycles save fuel and prevent pollution, Silverman added, and they keep the riders physically fit.

"The Minister of Energy says save energy. We do. The Minister of the Environment says don't pollute. We don't. The Minister of Health says get more exercise. We do. We're the best citizens in Canada."

Not all of COC's energy is spent extolling the virtues of the bicycle, but rather on discredit. "A 59-second commercial has following is a description of the COC's anti-automobile commercial."

"A 59 second commercial has been produced by Radio Centre-Ville and COC. The commercial emphasizes that the automobile has, since the beginning of the century, killed more people than wars. The thunder of guns is juxtaposed with the racket of automobile traffic. This brief production follows our request



efforts in these paths. The paths were already there and almost no money went into development. The dike is not paved. Notre Dame Island, which we taxpayers paid for, has gone unused, except for the rowing event at the Olympics, for the past seven years. They just opened three gates. And how this contrasts with the 65 million for the Velodrome which an infinitely small number of cyclists will use." Silverman pointed out that the St. Lawrence path is efficient solely as a recreational bike path.

"We want transportation routes," explained Silverman. "You make functional bicycle paths by giving paths to bikes that once were used by cars."

In August, 1975, COC lobbied for, and won, bicycle paths in the Mercier area. Silverman

up to Cote Saint-Antoine Road. The more functional part of the path would run along de Maisonneuve from Victoria to Green. The path would be suitable for biking in two directions. The plan provides for a concrete barrier 8 inches high to protect cyclist from the motorists. To warn motorists of the existence of the bicycle path, flags would be placed along the barrier.

The COC bulletin goes on to say the Westmount City Council turned down the plan, considering the spending of the necessary \$13,000 extravagant. The cyclists of Lower Westmount then circulated a petition that called for the implementation of the plan. Again City Hall turned down the plan; shortly afterwards, however, they voted 14,000 dollars for improvement

to the CRTC that automobile advertising be halted. Cigarette advertising is banned from radio and TV, and automobile advertising should be in the same category, considering the menace to public health involved."

COC has also produced a slide show that illustrates the damage the automobile has thus far done to Montreal. Anyone wishing to see the slide show, or to borrow it, should contact

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# Wreaking havoc in Snowdon

By Elaine Swerdlow

On a map it is easy to shade in an area for demolition. To confront the human consequences is much more difficult. The people of the district of Snowdon have had to face those human consequences ever since they learned that the city planned to destroy six stores and eight houses to make way for a metro station entrance and garage. In their fight they have come to question whether, indeed, "the city has the expertise" in this matter, as one of their councillors once told them.

Located in the west of Montreal, Snowdon is an attractive residential district with long-time inhabitants. This fact helps to explain why Snowdon residents are so opposed to the present plans to build an interchange Metro and garage on the corner of their main street, Queen Mary Road and Westbury. Most residents fondly remember what the district was like several years ago, before the construction boom hit Snowdon and the rest of the city.

Mona Adilman has become something of a city planner herself as president of the Snowdon Residents' Association (SRA). She sees the Metro plans as part of the plan for "progress—but at what price?" To her the essential character of Snowdon is residential, despite the fact that parts of Queen Mary Road are officially zoned as commercial. The stores, she says, are always small buildings and until a few years ago, located only on the first floor of the four-story apartment houses.

With the building of the maintenance garage over the Metro, the proposed site will become not only commercial, but industrial, in terms of zoning. To this the residents are unequivocally opposed and will fight in court. The proposed garage, which is to house 18 trucks, will intensify the already existing noise, traffic and air pollution, according to Adilman. The new, expensive structure will replace the low-rent buildings. In petitions and letters to editors, the residents have also cited the closeness to the children's library and five schools as reasons for rejecting the proposed garage. They worry about the parking problem that will be created with the introduction of 150 workers in the garage. As residents see it, these are factors that outsiders tend to bypass or belittle.

On the outside the buildings that are slated for destruction do not have the architectural uniqueness or charm that one would expect a citizens' group to fight to preserve. To the people who live in Snowdon, however, those stores present the "sense of community" as well as the availability of relatively inexpensive goods and services. In a district that has many senior citizens these factors are important, according to Adilman.

One of the stores marked for expropriation, the "Black and White Stationery Store", appears to be a sort of community institution. An original "Ma and Pa store", established 30 years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Lew, it is now run by several generations of the family. It is similar to many small candy stores except for the unusually intimate atmosphere. At the counter, Mr. Lew's daughter, Polly Cohen, chats with a customer during a business transaction.

Referring to the proposed expropriation, Danny Nevitz, son-in-law of the original owner, says, "People will miss us. Come in on a Sunday morning between 11 and 1 and you can't move; people are in here talking to each other. This is a place where people have been buying and stealing penny candy for years." As he says this, he points to the boxes of candy which one guesses are there more for sentimental than financial value. Danny reveals that one of the district's councillors has predicted the expropriation of the store within one year. Danny's response to a photographer's request is, "All right, but do you think it's going to help?"

Polly Cohen appears more bitter about the decision to expropriate than her brother. "They're going to reap gold out of what I worked for all my life." She insists that she wants to take the case to court.

With dynamiting having begun several months ago, the inhabitants of Snowdon are fairly pessimistic about the hopes of reversing the decision, at least about the Metro. Mona Adilman attributes the failure of their efforts to date mainly to the absence of support from the district's Civic Party councillor.

The most direct response that SRA has received from Yvon Lamarre, Vice Chairman of the City of Montreal Executive Committee, has been a plan for vertical zoning, which would save the

upper floors of apartment houses for residential use. Adilman terms this plan unacceptable, for it legitimizes "creeping commercialism" and she feels that the number of stores moving into apartment houses could actually increase by this plan.

As Adilman sees it, the community's commitment was never in doubt. She cites the strong attendance at several open meetings of the SRA and the flow of letters to local media, as well as the 2300 signatures which were collected on a petition.

Adilman notes the contrasting success of citizens of the Notre Dame de Grace (NDG) district of the City in blocking construction of the Northcliffe station. The key factor there, in her view, was the part played by the MCM councillors in NDG, added to the

shop" workings of the city government. In contrast to cities such as Toronto, Montreal's charter requires no public hearings or referendums on zoning changes or charter amendments. Thus, much of the protest by the SRA and suggestions for alternative plans appear to have had little influence on those responsible for decisions.

Members of the SRA have suggested existing parking lots as suitable entrances for the Metro station, to avoid demolition on Queen Mary Road. For the garage they have suggested Garland Terminus, a municipally-owned plot in a less populated area. They argue that the equivalent Berri-de-Montigny station has its garage located elsewhere. The office of the Metro personnel could be located close by in the "Phoenix" or atop



This house and seven others will be demolished if the City's plans are realized.

vociferous protest of the residents themselves.

Mona Adilman walks through the Snowdon district the way a doctor tours a hospital ward. Presently, she is predominantly pessimistic, for she has to point to more defeats than victories in the fight to preserve existing housing and uphold zoning regulations. The most obvious defeat is the 26-storey Hampstead Towers, built before the SRA was formed. The tremendous height of the structure surrounded by four-storey buildings mocks the term "loophole" that Adilman uses to account for the tower's origin. The technical term is "spot change zoning". Both words describe the permission which a builder may obtain from the City to build in violation of zoning laws.

On another plot an eight-storey apartment house was constructed six months ago, also due to a "loophole". Although not as tall as Hampstead Towers, the building effectively screens the lower neighboring houses from the sun.

Adilman points to a block of two apartment houses on Queen Mary Road which she considers a partial success of the SRA. As a result of a sympathetic developer, SRA was able to help negotiate a compromise plan whereby an office building retaining the old facade would be constructed instead of a high-rise. The eviction of the tenants was due to the secrecy of the action and the intimidation of the tenants. Adilman says, laughingly, that the developer's choice of the name "The Phoenix" for the building is an appropriate reference to the mythical bird that supposedly rose out of its own ashes.

For the rest of Queen Mary Road Adilman worries about the future, pointing to subtle indications that other buildings may fall. Frequent change of owners, the opening of trust companies and unrepaid houses are harbingers.

Ms. Adilman links the encroachment of commerce in Snowdon to the "closed-

Steinberg's. To alleviate the parking problem the SRA proposes a multi-storey parking facility on the municipal parking lot and in the air-rights space over part of the Decarie Expressway that runs through Snowdon.

The City's answer to most of these proposals has either been silence, ambiguous statements, or objections on financial grounds. To change plans would cost money. To this, the SRA counters that the citizens should have been involved when the plans were made. The SRA also cites the decision reversal in NDG as a precedent. The city has also said that the use of the Garland Terminus would thwart plans the city has to sell the lot to private contractors. The SRA calls planning such as this "bending to private interests".

The Urban Housing and Planning Department has been studying the situation for two years without reaching any conclusion. In addition, Victor Goldbloom, Minister of Municipal Affairs in Quebec City, has so far refused to act, despite the SRA's assertion that the garage plans violate the Environmental Quality Law.

People like Mona Adilman may strike outsiders as being alarmist. Those who never knew the district without Hampstead Towers cannot fully grasp Mona's fears. More importantly, Snowdon residents see the change as a city-wide phenomenon. They feel that the deterioration of housing that occurred in other districts with the construction of a Metro will result in Snowdon, too.

As one walks away from the noisy, congested Queen Mary Road onto Mona's quiet, well-kept block, one is tempted to feel that perhaps the problem is not as widespread as she says. Then Mona informs us that contractors have even begun inquiring if she would be interested in selling a piece of her backyard. And instantly the memory of Queen Mary Road returns.





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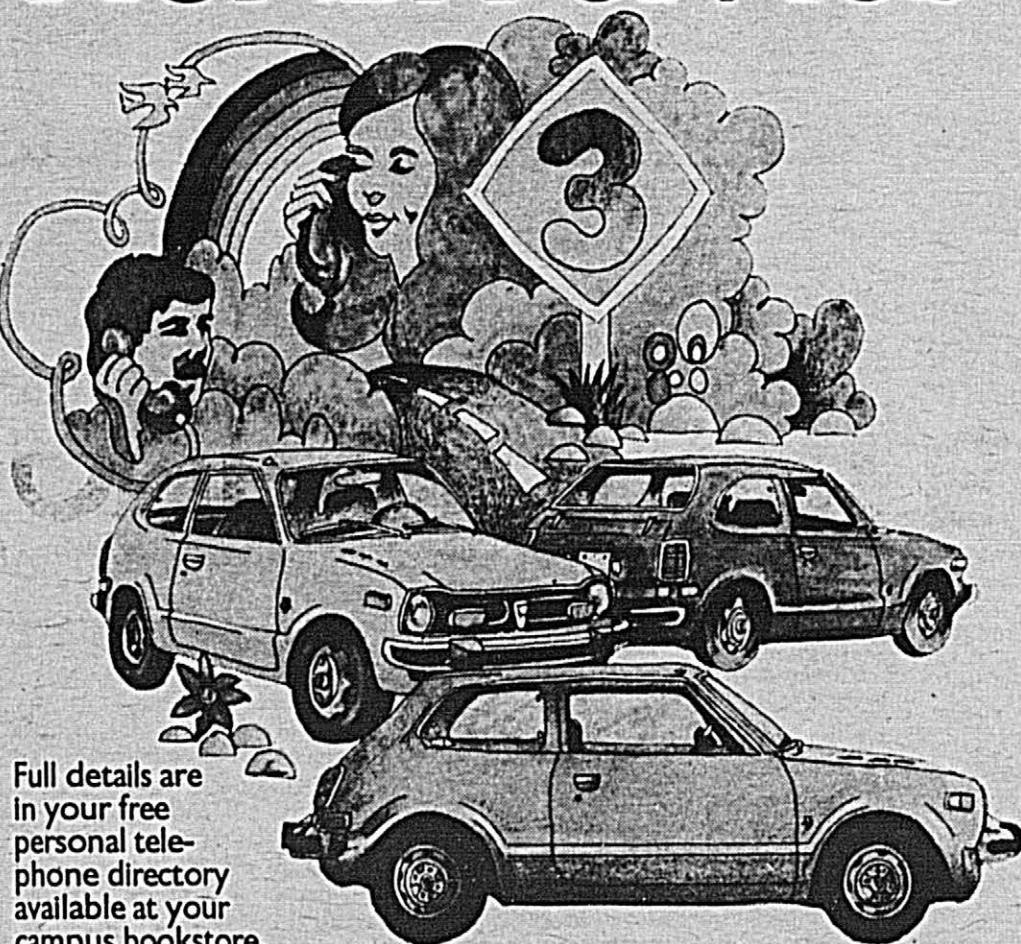
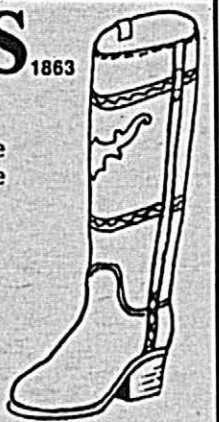
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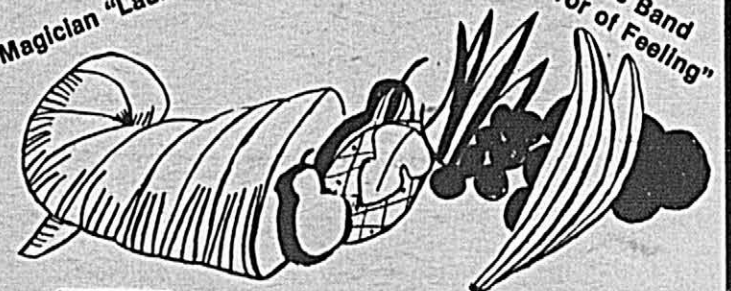
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